

of a Parliamentary session is often to correct and amend the measures that were hurriedly and thoughtlessly adopted in haste for the nation will be realized. In spite of the failure of the movement publicly, a small body of friends have never ceased their labours on behalf

Our correspondents classify their clergy-

previous session. The incident, however, upon which we are commenting shows that laws made in Germany may be an example of what is most to be avoided. Nothing can justify an ignorant meddling with the ordinary course of the law, but it is better to leave the evils that we have than to try to correct them. The circumstances that a stupid enactment might bring upon us. There will be no "feelings," for example, as long as "things" are bought and sold, and while it may be possible to regulate them it is absurd to try to prevent them.

Of the project, and thanks to the generosity of the late F.R.A.'s sister—Mrs. M. M. Wood—of the money that the craft-house in Holland Park need is to be offered a gift to the nation, subject only to an assurance that the house will be suitably maintained, and that the Arab hall is to be permanently preserved for the use of the British Museum.

It is not, however, until the end of last January. The circumstances are so simple and so natural under the conditions that it is hoped no time will be lost in giving the ladies a satisfactory guarantee that their desire will be fulfilled.

Those who intend to become candidates at the Public Service Institute examinations, and who have

zealously in their vocation without regard

EXPRESSION OF A PRIMER AMONGST
 Captain J. Raglan Brad, R.N.R., writing from
 on board the Landline steamer Cullgo, now at
 Adelaide, on her way to Sydney from London,
 has been asked by the secretary of the
 "When sailing the Coast Islands," he says
 "so much life was fallen in with that the course
 of the ship was altered to make the coasting on the
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correspondence we have published, and of common experience, seems to point, rightly

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he belongs. The conditions under

The first to be the submarine boat crew built for the purpose of the expedition. It was built by the Chinese and was equipped with a small engine. It was used principally for reaching the bed of the river adjacent to coast line, and in locating and recovering sunken vessels and their cargoes. According to the specifications, the boat will be about 5 tons and will be able to carry a crew of six men. The crew of six men, be able to cruise around on the bottom for a day at a time before it will be necessary to ascend to the surface to renew the air supply and electrical energy.

A. K. K. The *Anchor*, The *Jack* and *Popper*, which were towed out by the tug *Valentine* at Malacca Heads on Saturday, ground on the South Reef shoal, and was not floated off until noon yesterday.

the Churches.

LOREN CHARLES BERNARD of the NAT-
VION from Wales on 26th November to a
correspondent Lord Charles Bessford says—
While the British Empire has an apparent
unity, it is in fact a collection of separate
Empires, isolated or combined, that ap-
pears to be so, as a matter of fact, exist, be-
cause it is made up of worthless and obsolete
parts in the past of the British, which even the Admi-
nistrative Council have never been able to
fulfilling plans. When you start to compare the
British navy with that of foreign Powers you
must strike out of the lists of both our own and
other Powers, the last 20 years of the last 100
years. Therefore, it will be a grand idea

who speculate in shares and stocks, and
who have not the money to meet

to us to stand still, or to disarm, to surrender Cyprus, scuttle from Egypt, abandon our rights in the Gulf, to give up our mandate in South Africa to the Transvaal or any other interested set of persons, it this would ensure peace for ever and allow us to abandon our rights in the East and the nations would not be so easily got to such high ideas. Every sign of weakness, every concession on our part, as always before in the past, and will be in the future, a direct incentive to fresh demands. Our policy is to stand firm, to stand on our feet, and our Powers are more apprehensive to their enormous armies. One let any two allied Powers obtain an equality of sea power with Great Britain

members of the Stock Exchanges in Berlin and Posen and other important

length that the British Empire would have to wait the first time the interests of those Powers come into conflict with our interests. It is particularly important to us that we should be in a position to meet any such emergency in our own conditions in ships and auxiliaries of defence of our own type. We have only been making up leeway, and we are not getting on foreign Powers."

KOGANIAN CHURCH.—At the last meeting of the Board of Health, the Board of Health was informed that the Koganian Church, in which the coffin is alleged to be but 2 ft. 2 in. under ground, was referred to. He counsel clerk, under instructions from the Council, had written to the Board of Health asking for the removal of the coffin to the site of the Board of Health, in reply,

is now in force, and it can hardly be of any advantage to

"The Department has been endeavoring to find out the names of the individuals and the society is, but without success. Efforts made by the local authorities to discover the responsible parties have not been successful, and in consequence it has been agreed that the Department will make a special reference to the case, the gravedigger, undertaker, the party who received the fees, and the clergyman who read the prayers, be fully forwarded to the board."

Farrar's Sonnet. "An Epitaph." The first stanza of the sonnet, "The Society of Friends," was read at the demonstration took place at the New Trenching Hall, Castleburgh street, on Saturday evening. There was a fair attendance of the

and over their goods and get the payment

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times made for curbing their business. We are far from denying

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which was at one time greater than it is now. A crop would be bought and

on a deep wound on the left wrist. He had lost a considerable quantity of blood, and was in a very weak condition. He stated that the wound had been inflicted with a bottle.

DISSENT AT NEWCASTLE.—While Mr. Joseph Roberts was absent on the 6th instant his musical spot in King-street, Newcastle, was broken into. He thence had cut a large hole in a window pane, and the thieves, in addition, had stolen a quantity of goods, which he estimated to be worth £50, and some concertinas were amongst the property stolen. Senior-conservable Cursey and Constable Allanson recovered the instruments in a pawnshop subsequently.

POURTRAIT IN VICARAGE.—The beauty of the

he sells a harvest that at the time may not
have been reaped. In such dealings there

navigation on Thursday last (says the Melbourne Herald). Owing to the scarcity of Victorian boats, the majority of Sydney have been obliged to charter Victorian commerce boats, and pay the grain at not much more than double the rate ruling in Sydney, the Victorian duty being 110 per cent. An extraordinary firm thought it prudent to charter the main crushed instead of flour, and the shipment duly arrived in Melbourne, where they were confronted with a demand for flour at the rate, not of 2s 10d, but of 5s per ton. This was the result of the hoarding to be expected, and the shipment gone to Western Australia, the Victorian revenue receiving another 2s 10d or 2s 11d no the 5s per cent. Thus the system

hasty legislative enactment that may
 give good men from the Exchanges and

industry of maize-cribbing has been saved from a competition of foreign-crushed maize, and a cash sample is given of the warm welcome and the proceeds to the older colonies, and the seed estate of Victoria for close union with the

LODGE LEONARD'S HOUSE: GIFT TO THE NATION
his BEHAVIOUR. — After all (says the *Westminster*) the Lord Lightfoot house, including the garden, has been purchased for £20,000 for the nation. It will be remembered that some months ago a movement was set on foot for the purchase of the house, but unfortunately was not attended to, and the result was that the property was sold for £10,000. We were now able to announce that the

they are well aware that the main work

... of those who wished to preserve the house!
Brighton Racing Club: First Race at 2.45 p.m.

